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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUBUMBASHI 226

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: DEVELOPMENTS ON ANGOLAN-ZAIRIAN BORDER

1. SITUATION SOMEWHAT TENSE AT ANGOLAN-ZAIRIAN BORDER AT TEIXEIRA DE SOUSA-DILOLO. NERVOUSNESS ON BOTH SIDES HAS RESULTED IN CROSS BORDER EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE, REPORTED CASUALTIES, DYNAMITING OF BRIDGE, ZAIRIAN ARMY DESERTERS, AND REINFORCEMENT OF ZAIRIAN BORDER TROOPS.

2. ACCORDING TO SEVERAL RELIABLE REPORTS, MPLA FORCES IN TEIXEIRA DE SOUSA DYNAMITED RAILWAY BRIDGE BETWEEN TEIXEIRA DE SOUSA AND DILOLO ON DECEMBER 12. BRIDGE NOT DOWN BUT NUMBER OF SUPPORTING PILLARS SEVERELY DAMAGED. DYNAMITING RESULTED FROM REPORTED ATTEMPT BY ZAIRIAN VILLAGERS TO AVENGE DEATH OF CUSTOMARY CHIEF SHOT (PRE-SUMABLY BY ACCIDENT) BY MPLA FORCES. GUNFIRE EXCHANGED BETWEEN ZAIRIAN AND MPLA FORCES ACROSS BORDER AND SOME ZAIRIAN CASUALTIES REPORTED. FNLA CHIEF LUBUMBASHI, CARLOS KAMBANDO, SAYS SPORADIC FIRING CONTINUED THROUGH DECEMBER 20 ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS AVAILABLE TO HIM.

3. ZAIRIAN ARMY REINFORCED DILOLO BY AIRLIFT OF APPROX-  
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MATELY 250-300 SOLDIERS FROM LUBUMBASHI GARRISON. SOLDIERS

WERE AIRLIFTED IN THREE DETACHMENTS (DECEMBER 16, 17, 18) BY ZAIRIAN AIR FORCE C-130. REINFORCEMENTS INCLUDED LARGE AMOUNTS OF AMMUNITION AND "SEVERAL" LIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT WEAPONS.

4. FNLA CHIEF CLAIMS TO HAVE REPORTS THAT MPLA FORCES IN TEIXEIRA DE SOUSA ARE BEING SUPPLIED (FOOD, ARMS, AMMUNITION) BY AIRCRAFT FLYING FROM ZAMBIA TO TEIXEIRA VIA CAZOMBO IN EASTERN ANGOLA.

5. KAMBANDO VERY CONCERNED ABOUT FOOD SUPPLIES FOR FNLA/UNITA FORCES AT CAMP NEAR KOLWEZI AND KAHUNDU.

PRESENT SUPPLY CONTRACT WITH SGA EXPIRES DECEMBER 31 AND HE HAS NO INFORMATION AS TO SOURCE OF SUPPLIES BEGINNING JANUARY 1.

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